

EXHIBIT B

"As the Justice Department and National Security Agency were conducting routine oversight of intelligence activities to ensure compliance with existing laws and court orders, officials detected issues that raised concerns. Once these issues were identified, the Justice Department immediately notified the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and took comprehensive steps to correct the situation and bring the program into compliance. Only after these corrective measures were taken and new safeguards were adopted did the Attorney General seek authorization from the Court for renewal of the program. In addition to notifying the Court of the problem and continuing to work with the Court to address it, government officials briefed members of the Intelligence and Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate along with other appropriate members of Congress."

"The Justice Department takes its national security oversight responsibilities seriously and works diligently to ensure that surveillance under established legal authorities complies with the nation's laws, regulations and policies, including those designed to protect privacy interests and civil liberties."